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Harrisburg --- Based on acreage planted by June 1, 2000 and intended acres that remained to be planted, the **Keystone** state's farmers expect to harvest fewer acres of other hay and tobacco. More acres of corn for grain, winter wheat, soybeans, and alfalfa hay are expected to be harvested. Oat and barley acres are expected to remain unchanged, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,550,000, up 3 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 1,050,000 acres of corn for grain, up 19 percent from a year ago. Oats acreage for harvest, at 145,000, is also unchanged from last year. Winter wheat acres to be harvested will total 195,000, up 3 percent from last year. Barley acreage for harvest, at 70,000, is unchanged from 1999.

Soybean acreage for harvest is estimated at 395,000 acres for 2000, up 13 percent from last year. Sorghum harvested acreage is estimated at 13,000. This is the first year that Pennsylvania has been in the sorghum estimating program, therefore there is no previous data to establish a trend. All hay acreage for harvest, at 1,900,000, is unchanged from a year ago. Alfalfa, at 750,000 acres, is up 7 percent and other hay, at 1,150,000 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. Total tobacco acres for harvest decreased 11 percent from 6,200 last year to 5,500 this year.

At the **United States'** level, corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 79.6 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 73.1 million acres of corn for grain, up 4 percent from last year.

Oat acres to be harvested for grain is estimated at 2.47 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Expected winter wheat harvested acreage is estimated at 35.4 million acres, down slightly from the previous year. Barley acres for harvest is estimated at 5.24 million, up 10 percent from 1999. Sorghum acres for harvest is estimated at 8.11 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. All tobacco acres for harvest is set at 493,840 acres, 24 percent less than 1999.

Soybean plantings are estimated at 74.5 million acres, 1 percent above last year's acreage. Area for harvest is estimated at 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999. If realized, this will be the largest planted and harvested acreage on record. All hay harvested is estimated at 62.2 million acres, down 2 percent from the 63.2 million acres in 1999. This acreage consists of 23.8 million acres of alfalfa and 38.4 million acres of other hay.